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"OUR HEROES" LAID TO REST

Impressive Funeral Services
Held Wednesday After-
noon at Layton Hall

2,500 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

Glowing Tributes Paid by Speak-
ers to the Memory of
the Dead Officers

Layton Hall was packed to the doors Wednesday afternoon by people who came from every section of the county to attend the funeral services of Sheriff R. F. McBride and Deputies Martin R. Kempton and T. Kane Wootan.

Every seat in the large hall was occupied and the center aisle, sides and rear of hall were thronged with people who remained standing throughout the services. Many people could not even get into the hall. It is estimated that fully 2,500 people had assembled to participate in the last sad rites for the martyred officers, who gave up their lives in the faithful performance of their duty.

The arrangements for the funeral were under the direction of Bishop Joseph Greenhalgh and his councilors, Andrew Eyring and David Birdno.

Over 300 automobiles were parked on each side of Center street for several blocks and around the north, east and west sides of the church grounds.

The hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors and white bunting. The front of the stage was banked with flowers, with a large pillow of flowers and ferns in the center, on which was the beautiful inscription, "Faithful Heroes."

The music was furnished by Layton Choir, under the direction of Wm. Moore Clayton.

Seats on the stage were occupied by the following:

President Kimball, John F. Nash, Bishop Frank Tyler, Bishop Edsall Allred, Bishop George Skinner, Bishop P. C. Merrill, Supervisors Frank A. Webster, J. R. Welker and James Quinn, Senator D. H. Claridge, Patriarch Samuel Claridge, Judge A. G. McAlister, County Attorney W. R. Chambers, County Assessor J. Myron Allred, County School Supt. S. C. Heywood, County Recorder C. O. Larson and Mrs. Larson, County Treasurer James A. Duke, Hon. J. H. Lines, Hon. A. C. Peterson, R. G. Layton, Austin Evans, John Bilby, Clerk Board of Supervisors Martin Layton, Rev. F. L. Glisson, Rev. E. A. Gottberg, Andrew Eyring, David Birdno, John F. Weber, Samuel Paxton and Wm. Ellsworth.

At 2:00 o'clock, the three caskets, draped with the Stars and Stripes, arrived at the hall and were brought down the center aisle and placed in a row in front of the stage. Many beautiful floral offerings were placed on the caskets.

An impressive scene was the carrying of the casket containing the body of Martin Kempton by his six brothers, Ira, Albert, Nate, Heber, Emmett and Alvin Kempton.

The families of the dead officers followed the caskets and were seated by the ushers to the left and right of the caskets.

Bishop Greenhalgh announced the services, the speakers and the following program:

Hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour,
Every Hour I Need Thee"
Layton Choir
Duet, "Sometime, Somewhere"
Mrs. Ethel Cook and Miss Lurie Jacobson
Talk, Bishop P. C. Merrill
Talk, Wm. Moore Clayton
Talk, Rev. F. L. Glisson
Song, "Beautiful Golden Gate"
Layton Choir
Talk, John F. Nash
Song, "Some Time We'll Understand"
Layton Choir
Talk, President Andrew Kimball
Solo and Chorus, "O Grave Where
Is Thy Victory"
Wm. Moore Clayton and Choir
Benediction, Rev. E. A. Gottberg

At the close of the services, the pall bearers carried the caskets out of the hall and placed them on the motor trucks, which were beautifully draped in white bunting and evergreens.

The casket containing the remains of Sheriff McBride was taken to the Pima cemetery for interment, followed by a long line of autos.

The other two caskets, contain-

\$1,000.00 REWARD

Offered by State for Capture
of Murderers of McBride,
Kempton and Wootan

To All To Whom These Presents
Shall Come, Greetings:

WHEREAS, official information has been received by the Governor of Arizona to the effect that on the 10th day of February, 1918, R. F. McBride, Sheriff of Graham County, Arizona, and his deputies, Martin R. Kempton and T. Kane Wootan, were murdered in the faithful discharge of their duties; and,

WHEREAS, further official information has been received that the murderers of these officers have been definitely identified as one Tom Power, one John Power, and one Tom Sisson; and,

WHEREAS, officers of the State of Arizona and of the United States Government are putting forth earnest efforts to apprehend the murderers above referred to, and, in connection therewith, it has been represented to the Governor of Arizona that a reward offered by the State of Arizona might greatly assist in bringing the murderers to justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Geo. W. P. Hunt, Governor of Arizona, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by law, do hereby offer a reward of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the arrest and conviction of each of the aforesaid fugitives, Tom Power, John Power and Tom Sisson. Such reward or rewards shall be paid on the receipt by the Governor of Arizona of a sworn claim in the usual form from the person or persons credited with the capture of the aforesaid fugitives or any one of them; provided that such claim or claims shall be accompanied by the certificate of the County Attorney of the County wherein the conviction is obtained to the effect that the charge against the State is in compliance with the terms and conditions of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arizona to be affixed.
Done at Phoenix, the Capital, this 12th day of February, A. D., 1918.

GEO. W. P. HUNT,
Governor of Arizona.

Attest:
SIDNEY P. OSBORN,
Secretary of State.

The board of Supervisors, in addition to the reward offered by Governor Hunt for the capture of the murderers, offered the following reward:

"Will pay \$1,000 for the capture and delivery, at any county jail in the State of Arizona, of Tom Sisson, John Power and Tom Power, or one-third of that amount for either of them. These are the men who killed Sheriff McBride and Deputies Kempton and Wootan."

(SIGNED)
"FRANK A. WEBSTER,
Chairman Board of Supervisors."

Ladies' Aid Work for the Red Cross

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church met at the parsonage, Tuesday, February 12th, for an all-day sewing for the Safford Red Cross.

The ladies have worked faithfully for two whole days and as a result of their work, have ready to turn in one full layette, eighteen little warm dresses and four knitted hoods. These garments are for the little Belgian and French babies.

A short business session was held in the afternoon and three new members joined the society.

The ladies planned a "Home Coming," to be held at the church, Friday, February 22d, at 6:30 p. m. All members of the church and Sunday School and friends are invited. They also planned a supper such as they would serve at home, each family to bring their supper.

ing the remains of Deputies Kempton and Wootan, were taken to the Union cemetery for interment, followed by mourning relatives and friends in autos and carriages.

The funeral services were beautiful and impressive. Each speaker paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the dead heroes, who died in the performance of their duty as officers of the law and true American citizens.

OFFICERS KILLED IN BATTLE WITH SLACKERS

Sheriff McBride and Deputies Kempton and Wootan Slain by John and Thomas Power and Tom Sisson, at the Powers' Home in the Galiuro Mountains, Sunday Morning—
Deputy U. S. Marshal Frank Haynes, Member of Party, Brings in News of the Killing

BODIES BROUGHT HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Posses from Graham, Gila, Pima and Cochise Counties Are
On Trail of Murderers, Who Are Now Reported 25
Miles South of Busenback's Ranch in the Foothills of
the Chiricahua Mountains in Cochise County.

The entire community was shocked at the news received here Sunday afternoon that Sheriff McBride, Chief Deputy Sheriff Martin R. Kempton and Deputy Sheriff T. Kane Wootan had been killed in a battle with the Power boys, John, aged 23 years; Thomas, aged 25 years, and a paroled horse thief, Thomas Sisson, aged 55 years, which occurred at the home of Jeff G. Power, father of the two boys, near the old Bowman gold mine, in the Galiuro mountains, 23 miles southeast of Klondyke, shortly after 7:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

The first news of the killing was brought in here by Deputy U. S. Marshal Frank Haynes, of Globe who was the fourth member of the party which left here Saturday afternoon for the Powers' home to bring back John and Tom Power, who were wanted by the government on the charge of evading the selective draft.

According to the story told by Deputy Marshal Haynes when he arrived at the court house, he had come here from Globe on orders from U. S. Marshal Dillon to get the two slackers, John and Tom Power. He secured the services of T. Kane Wootan, a deputy sheriff, to accompany him, and Sheriff McBride and Chief Deputy Kempton offered their services, the government to pay the expenses of the trip. Sheriff McBride wanted old man Power and Tom Sisson for the purpose of clearing up the mystery of Ola Power's death, aged 22 years, who died early in December under suspicious circumstances.

The four officers left here Saturday afternoon, about 3:00 o'clock, in Sheriff McBride's car for Klondyke. They arrived at Upchurch's place, Klondyke, some time after 6:00 o'clock p. m., where they secured three horses and a mule.

They left Upchurch's place after 7:00 o'clock, taking the trail for the home of Jeff Power in the Galiuro mountains.

On their way they stopped at Joe Bosco's house, a cattleman, but found no one at home. Next they came to the first house, and then to the second house, both of which belonged to old man Power. One of these houses had been occupied by Power's daughter, Ola, who died there last December.

The party continued on until, just about 7:00 Sunday morning, they arrived in the vicinity of the Power home, a log house. This house was built about 10 feet west of a creek, up on the embankment. It fronted the east.

The officers tied up their horses in a small canyon northwest of the house and then started for the house. Sheriff McBride stationed himself at the northeast corner of the house, Deputy Marshal Haynes going to the northwest corner of the house. At the northeast corner, about two feet from the house, was the remains of a fence, built of shakes, about five feet long. Sheriff McBride was between this fence and the house.

Deputies Kempton and Wootan evidently went around the western side of the house, the house on this side being close to a high

hill, over which was a trail leading into the new trail which met the new road going into Klondyke. The trail on this hill was higher than the house. The two officers stationed themselves at the southeast corner of the house.

On the east front of the house are two doors. On the southeast side a fireplace has been built and east of the fireplace is a window. There is a window on the northeast side, but no door.

About the time Deputies Kempton and Wootan had reached their stations, old man Power came out of the door nearest to them. Evidently, the men in the house had heard the officers when they went around the west side of the house, for when old man Power came out of the door, he was carrying a gun.

As he stepped out in the open, the officers called to him to throw up his hands. Placing his gun between his knees, he raised his hands and as he did this, the door behind him opened wide enough for a gun to be shoved through.

Something occurred right then, either old man Power dropped his hands to seize his gun or the man behind the door began shooting, for the battle commenced. The man in the door, with the gun just far enough out to be turned, was firing in the direction where Kempton was stationed, and then turned the gun and fired at the place where Sheriff McBride was posted.

Sheriff McBride told Deputy Marshal Haynes to watch the window, and he went in close to the house to do so, when he noticed that the sheriff had fallen and his feet protruded past the fence.

Some twenty-five shots were fired, then the shooting stopped and everything was quiet.

At this time, Haynes said he went up to the window to look in, but could see nothing. There was no noise in the house, everything was perfectly quiet. He then went to the place northwest of the house, where the horses were tied, got his horse and rode up the trail on the hill west of the house, stopped for several minutes but could see no one near the house, then saw a man east of the house lying on the ground, and thought it was Wootan, but on second glance saw it was not Wootan and might be old man Power. He heard no noise and believed the men in the house were dead. He did not see Kempton or Wootan and did not know whether they had been killed or wounded.

Seeing no one moving, Deputy Haynes then started for Klondyke to get help. He reached Klondyke about 10:30 o'clock, and told of the killing of Sheriff McBride and the people started to organize a posse to go to the Power house.

Deputy Haynes then started for Safford, arriving at the court house about 4:00 o'clock p. m., and told of the battle at Power's home and the killing of Sheriff McBride.

Some time after Deputy Haynes left the scene of the battle, John and Thomas Power and Tom Sisson came out of the house and carried old man Power across the creek to within 25 yards of the

tunnel to the mine. Then they came back to the house and took the guns and ammunition off the dead officers. Then they went to the place where the officers' horses and the mule were tied and got the two horses and the mule.

They then rode over to the Murdock's house, about a mile from the Power home, where they summoned the Murdock's, father and son, and a young man named Henry Allen, who had been working for the Murdock's building a fence at Hot Springs.

They told them that they had killed the three officers and had taken their horses, the mule, their guns and ammunition. They said they got all three officers and evidently did not know there were four officers in the party that came to their home to get them. They had not seen Haynes.

They also told of the killing of Wootan, by John Power, who shot him thru the window on the south side of the house, after Wootan had fired at him thru the window, the broken glass cutting his eye. Tom Power said he shot McBride and Tom Sisson had shot Kempton.

They told the Murdock's that their father had been wounded and for them to go over and take care of him. Then they rode off. The Murdock's and Allen went over to the Power house, reaching there about 10:30 o'clock, and found Power lying about 50 yards east of the house, across the creek. He was unconscious. They carried him into the tunnel of the mine and placed him on the cot.

Allen then went over to the house and found the body of Sheriff McBride lying near the northeast corner of the house, and then found the bodies of Deputies Kempton and Wootan lying at the southeast corner of the house.

Allen then rode to Klondyke and told the people there that Sheriff McBride and Deputies Kempton and Wootan had been killed by the Power boys and Tom Sisson and that the murderers had left the place on the officers' horses. Sisson riding the mule, and had gone in the direction of Redington on the San Pedro.

Allen then rode into Safford, reaching here shortly after 4:00 o'clock p. m., and coming to the court house, told the story of finding the bodies of the three officers.

Deputy Marshal Haynes was in the sheriff's office, surrounded by a crowd of men, to whom he was giving a description of the battle, when Allen arrived, and the deputy marshal then learned for the first time that Deputies Kempton and Wootan had been killed.

At Klondyke, a posse was organized, consisting of Drew Wilson, John F. Greenwood, John Sanford, Bert Higgins, Elmer Gardinire, Joe Basco, Jeff Clayton and a young man from Pima.

This posse was to go after the bodies of the dead officers and bring them in. The posse left Klondyke at 5:00 o'clock p. m., and reached the Power home about 7:00 o'clock Monday morning.

They learned from the Mur-

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

At Mass Meeting of Citizens
Held Tuesday Night at
City Hall

A mass meeting of citizens and business men was held Tuesday night at the city hall, called by Mayor Jacobson, for the purpose of making arrangements for the joint funeral of the slain officers. Mayor Jacobson presided.

The meeting decided that all business places in town be closed from 9:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Wednesday.

A committee was appointed to secure three motor trucks and decorate them, the trucks to be used in carrying the caskets to Layton Hall for the funeral services and then to the cemeteries.

A committee, consisting of Judge A. G. McAlister, Senator D. H. Claridge and Lee N. Stratton, was appointed to draw up resolutions.

The committee adopted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolutions

We, the citizens of the County of Graham, State of Arizona, in mass meeting assembled at the City Hall in Safford, on this, the 12th day of February, 1918, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of February, 1918, Sheriff R. F. McBride, and Deputies M. R. Kempton and T. K. Wootan were unselfishly slain by murderous bandits while in the discharge of their official duty in attempting to arrest two evaders of the Selective Draft Act; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the fact that they lost their lives while bravely defending the honor of the nation and courageously upholding the law of the land; and,

WHEREAS, we further recognize their sterling qualities as manly men and their honesty and integrity in private and in public life, and that by their death the County of Graham and the State of Arizona has suffered an irreparable loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend to their bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of severest trial; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these resolutions be published, and that properly engrossed copies of them be delivered to the wives and children of the deceased.

D. H. CLARIDGE,
A. G. MCALISTER,
LEE N. STRATTON,
Committee.

Safford Man's Entry May Win Prize

In the American Egg-Laying Contest at Leavenworth, Kansas, which began November 1st of last year, R. H. Young, owner of the Peerless Egg Farm at Safford, entered a pen of White Leghorn pullets.

There are 100 pens of five pullets each in the contest. They represent the best laying flocks of America and Canada.

According to the official trapping records submitted for the last three months, Mr. Young's birds laid 204 eggs, which puts them in fourth place of the leading pen, and in January his pen held second place having produced 94 eggs.

By the use of the trap-net and rigid culling, Mr. Young has built up a flock of prolific layers. There is no room for the slacker hen on his farm.

Funeral Services at Wootan Home

On account of the seriousness of the infant of T. Kane Wootan, rendering it impossible for the mother and grandmother both to attend the joint funeral services at Layton Hall, Wednesday afternoon, a short service was held at the Wootan home on Main street, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The services were conducted by Rev. F. L. Glisson, assisted by Rev. E. A. Gottberg.

Two beautiful selections were sung by Mrs. J. A. McNeil, Mrs. Joe Emus, Mrs. Amos Cook and Mrs. Lightfoot, accompanied on piano by Mrs. Horace E. Cooper.

For Sale at a Bargain

One new 5-passenger Studebaker, only run 2,000 miles, four Silvertown tires; two Maxwells, in good condition; one Hupmobile. All of above are 5-passengers. One Overland Roadster. KIRTLAND'S GARAGE, adv-50-4t

POSSES CLOSE ON OUTLAWS TRAIL

Over 200 Men Now Out
Following Up Murderers
of Officers

SOLDIERS GUARDING BORDER

Latest Report States Posse Hot
on Trail of Outlaws South
of Busenback's Ranch

As soon as it was known here that Sheriff McBride and Deputies Kempton and Wootan had been killed by the Power boys and Tom Sisson, preparations were made at once to send out a posse to get the murderers, dead or alive.

In the meantime telegrams were sent to the sheriffs of Gila, Cochise, Pima and Greenlee counties, notifying them of the tragedy and to start out posses in pursuit of the murderers, who were believed to be headed for old Mexico.

A posse, headed by Deputy David Skaggs, which included A. G. Walker and Rudd Phillips, left here about 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening, to join a posse at Klondyke to trail the murderers.

About the same time posses were organized and equipped at Thatcher, Pima, Fairview and Ft. Thomas and left at once for Klondyke.

A party was then organized here, consisting of Dr. W. E. Platt, W. V. Thorpe, W. R. Chambers, W. W. Pace, Nate Kempton, Frank Webster, Sam Holman, D. H. Claridge and Joe Beak, for the purpose of going to Klondyke and bringing back the bodies of the slain officers. This party left about 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening.

Later in the evening, Constable Lancaster, Frank Campbell, R. W. Smith and Curley Laffont left for Wilcox to join the posse at that place.

Word was received here Sunday night that the murderers were seen near Redington, on the San Pedro, where they received supplies at a country store.

It was the belief here that the Power brothers and Sisson would try and make their way into Old Mexico, over an old trail they traveled when they went into Mexico to evade the selective draft last summer.

Posses under Sheriff Wheeler, of Cochise county, Deputy Sheriff Hamilton, of Gila county, and Sheriff Miles, of Pima county were following closely on the trail of the bandits.

Tuesday morning about 3:00 o'clock, W. N. Wilson, Jos. Beak and W. C. Wease, left here in F. L. Ginter's car for Wilcox, Mr. Ginter driving. They joined Sheriff Wheeler's posse. Mr. Ginter returned here about 4:00 accompanied by Curley Laffont, who went out Sunday night with a posse to Wilcox.

Reports came in Tuesday stating that the murderers were seen on their way to San Simon, Deputy U. S. Marshal Frank Haynes and Lem R. Pace left at once for San Simon, but found the report to be untrue and returned here.

Later reports coming in Wednesday stated that the murderers had been at Cross X Ranch, where they changed horses, leaving the mule at this place.

Yesterday it was reported that they had got away from Cross X Ranch, cutting the barbed wire fence, and going in the direction of the Chiricahua mountains.

Yesterday afternoon, another posse left here, headed by Brig Stewart and Drew Wilson and Leslie Layton, going to Wilcox.

Two troops of U. S. Cavalry were dispatched by Colonel Morgan Wednesday night to patrol the boundary line east of Douglas, with orders to leave border to aid in capture of the murderers.

Blood hounds were put on the trail of the murderers Tuesday by Sheriff Miles, of Pima County, which followed the trail of the murderers from Cary's ranch, across the San Pedro, and northwest along the San Pedro valley.

It was believed that the murderers had doubled back on the trail Wednesday, as Frank Wootan had trailed them within a mile of the store at Redington.

A report, received here this morning, states that the outlaws

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